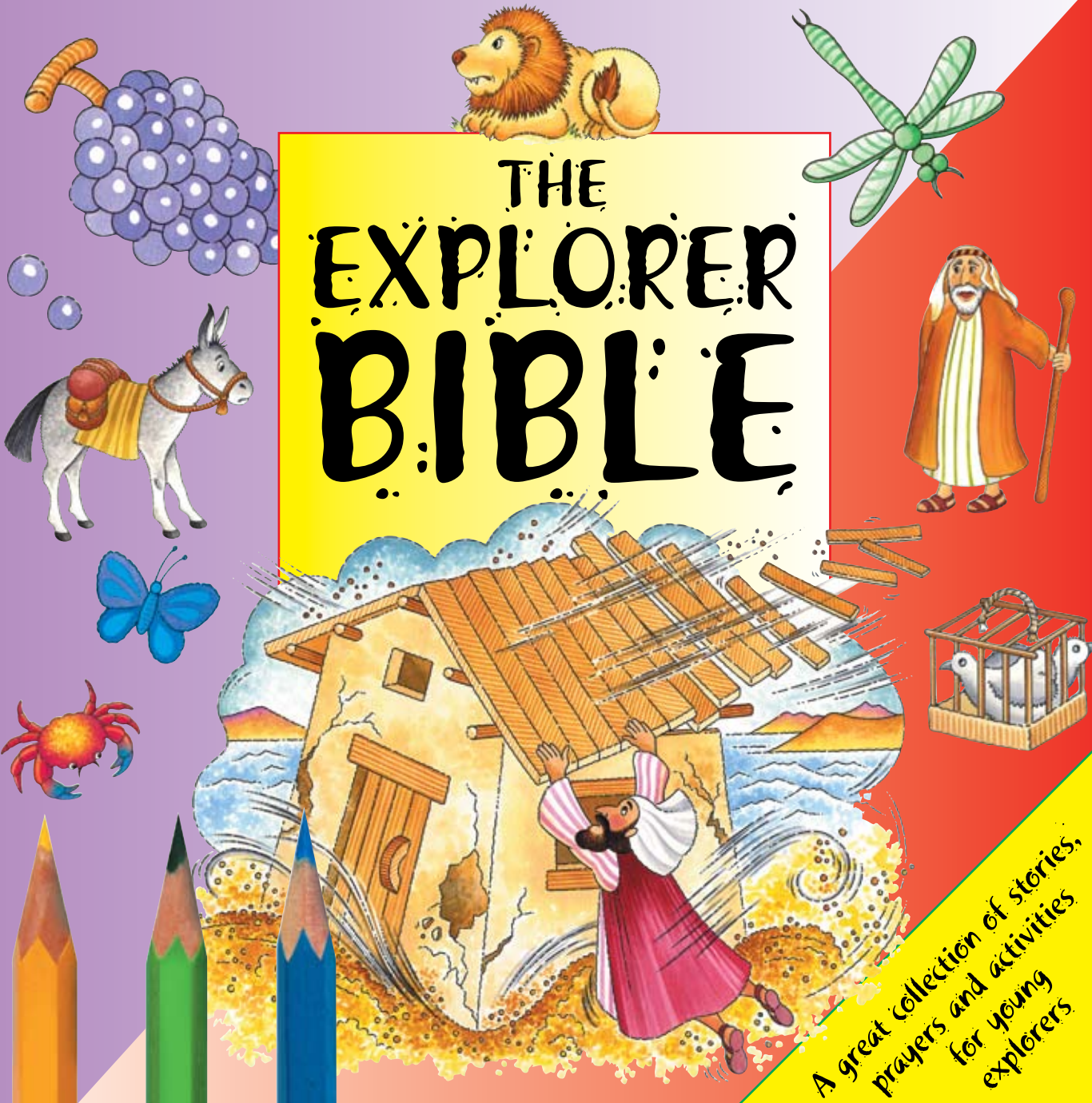
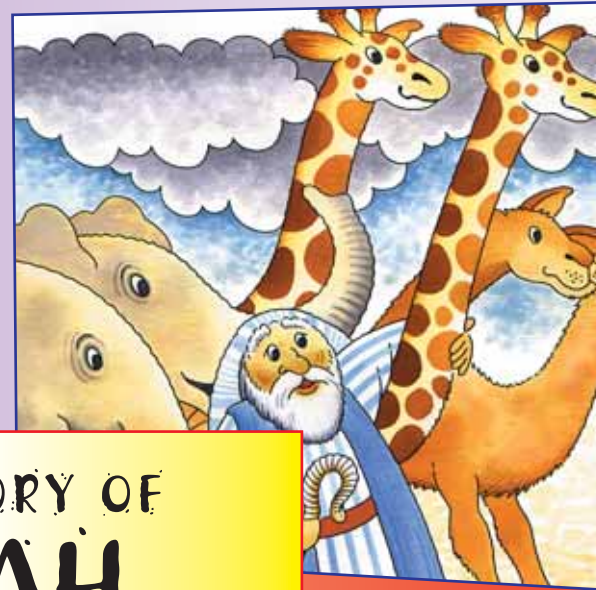
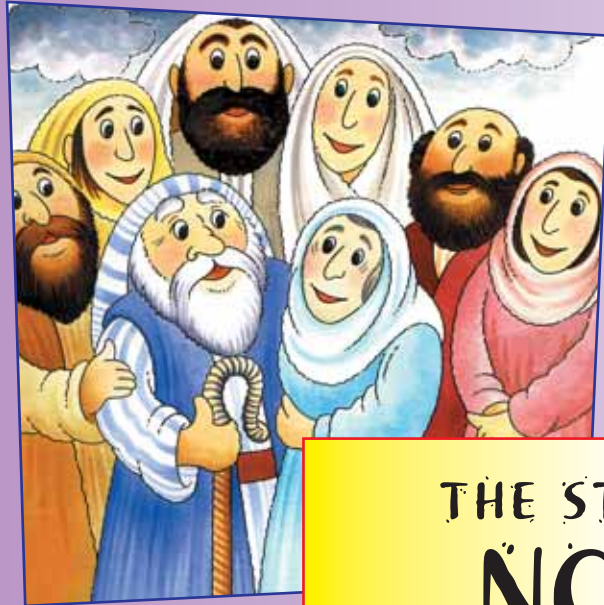


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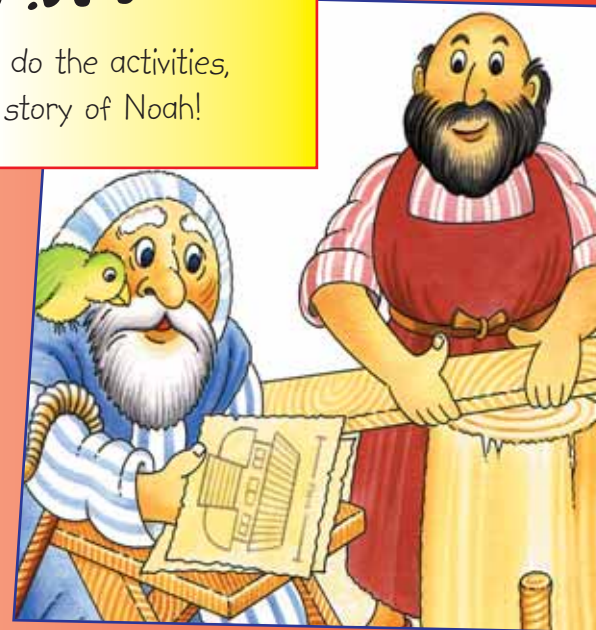
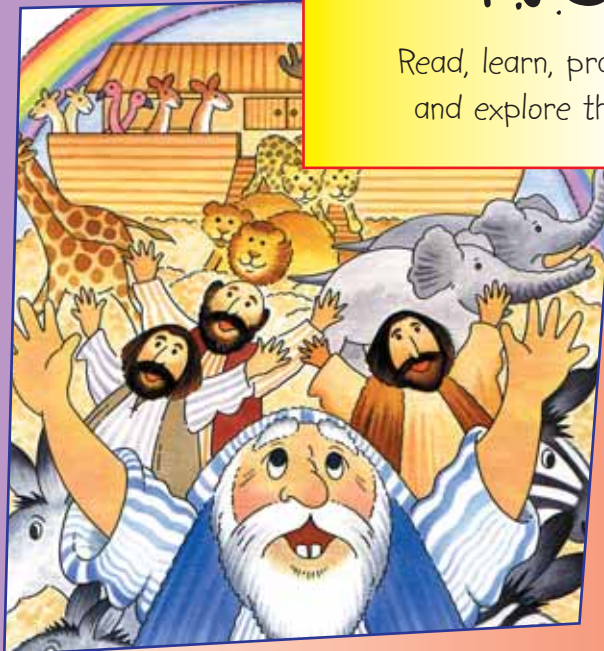


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THE STORY OF NOAH

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Meet the family

Noah was a good man. In fact, he was the only good man left in the whole world! God was angry with everyone else. The people who lived in his world were cruel to each other. They stole and lied and hurt each other, and forgot about the way God wanted them to live.

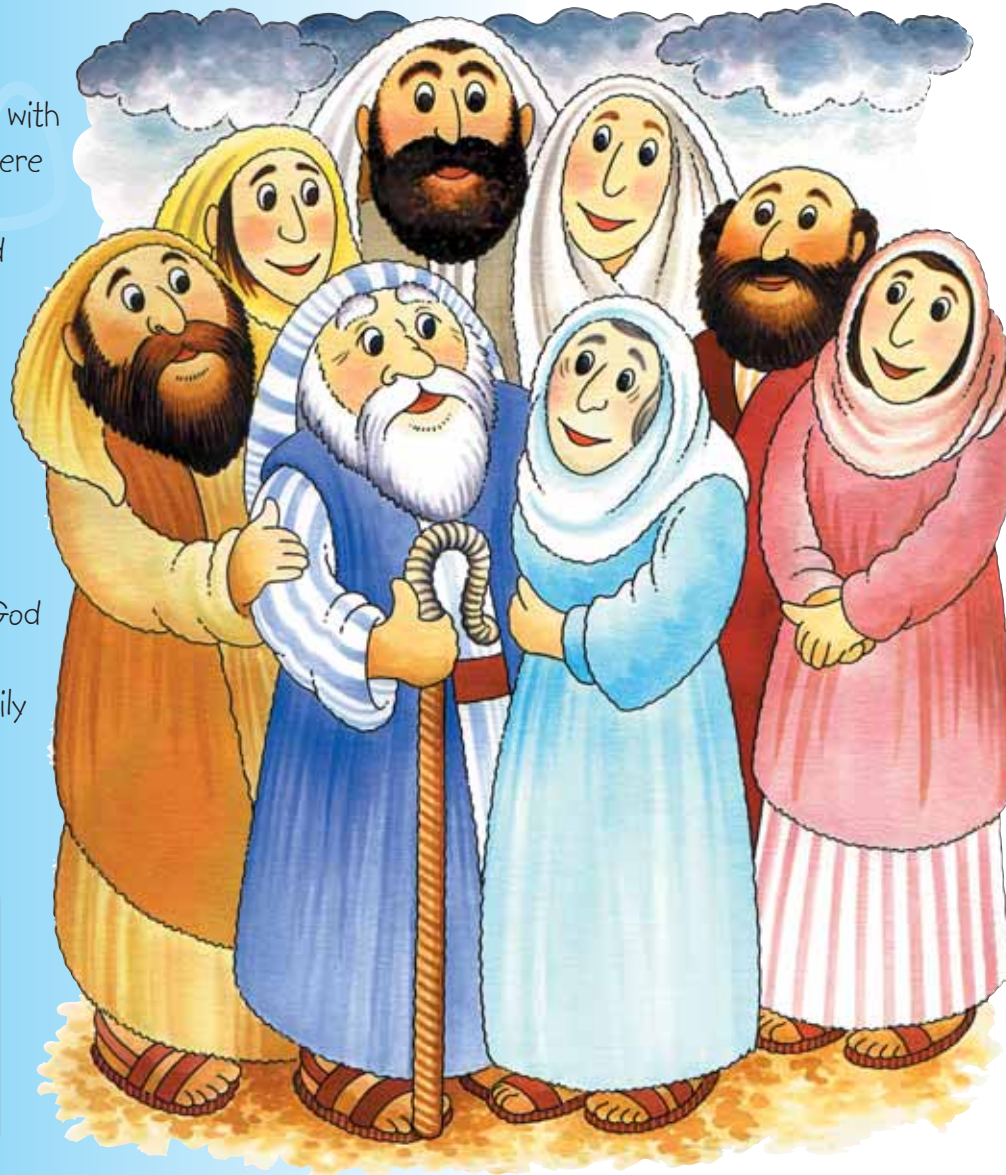
Noah was an old man. He had a wife and three grown-up sons. His sons were called Shem, Ham and Japheth. Each of Noah's sons had a wife.

Noah trusted God. So when God asked Noah to do something very strange, he did it! God told him to build a huge boat called an ark. God planned to send a flood to wash the Earth clean. Only Noah and his family would survive. They would be safe inside the ark.

Genesis 6, verses 5 to 10

Something to think about:

God promised to save Noah's whole family. Imagine if your family was the only one left in the world!



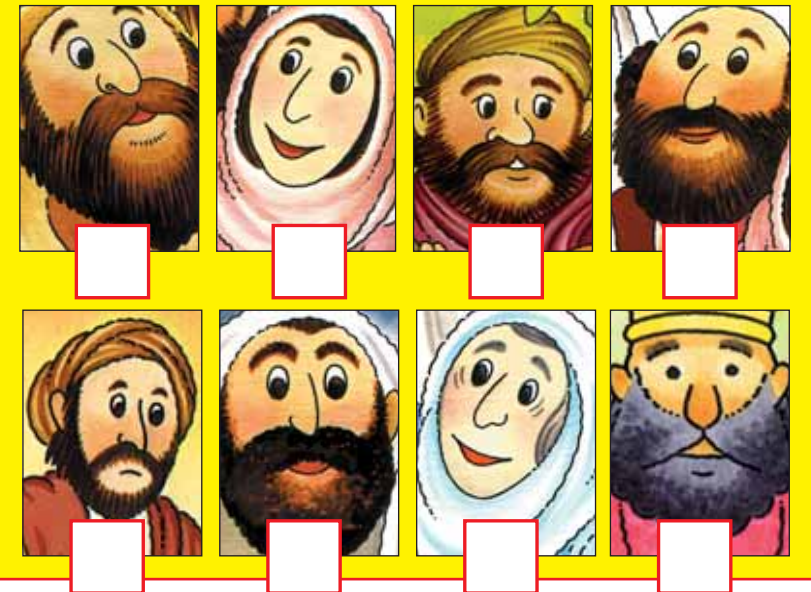
Prayer:

Dear God, thank you for my family. Help me to do something kind for each one of them today. Amen

Activity:

Noah had three sons. Can you name each one?

Which of these people are not part of Noah's family?



Is Noah going crazy?

God told Noah how to build the ark.

'Get some good strong wood to build the boat and cover it inside and out with tar. It needs to be 133 metres long, 22 metres wide and 13 metres high. Put a

roof on the top and build rooms inside. The boat should be three storeys high. Put a door on one side. When the flood comes, you will be safe.'

Noah did as God asked and built the ark. People watched and wondered. They even laughed at him! What was he doing building a boat so far from the sea?

Genesis 6, verses 11 to 18

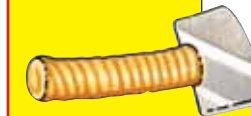
Something to think about:

It's sometimes difficult to do the right thing. It's even harder when everyone else around you is doing something different and they laugh at you.



Prayer:

Help me, Lord God, to be brave enough to do what is good and right, even if others try to stop me.



Activity:

Noah used lots of tools to build the ark. Can you name these three tools?



Noah rounds up the animals



When God made the world, he had put all kinds of animals there to live. So God told Noah to bring animals, birds and reptiles into the ark, male and female of every kind.

God told Noah to store up food to bring on board to feed them all.

God wanted there to be animals on the Earth after the flood too.

'I will send rain for forty days and nights,' said God, 'and a great flood will cover every living thing in the world.'

Only Noah, his family and the animals would be safe inside the ark.

Genesis 6, verses 19 to 22 and Genesis 7, verses 1 to 4

Something to think about:

Can you think why God told Noah to bring the animals into the ark?

Prayer:

Thank you, God, for animals.
Help me to look after them and care for the creatures you have made.



Activity:

Can you find ten animals in the word box below?

- DONKEY
- ZEBRA
- ELEPHANT
- CHICKEN
- PIG
- SNAKE
- HORSE
- LION
- DOG
- CAMEL

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Saying goodbye



The ark was finished and Noah had done all that God asked him to do. Now Noah had to trust God for whatever would happen next.

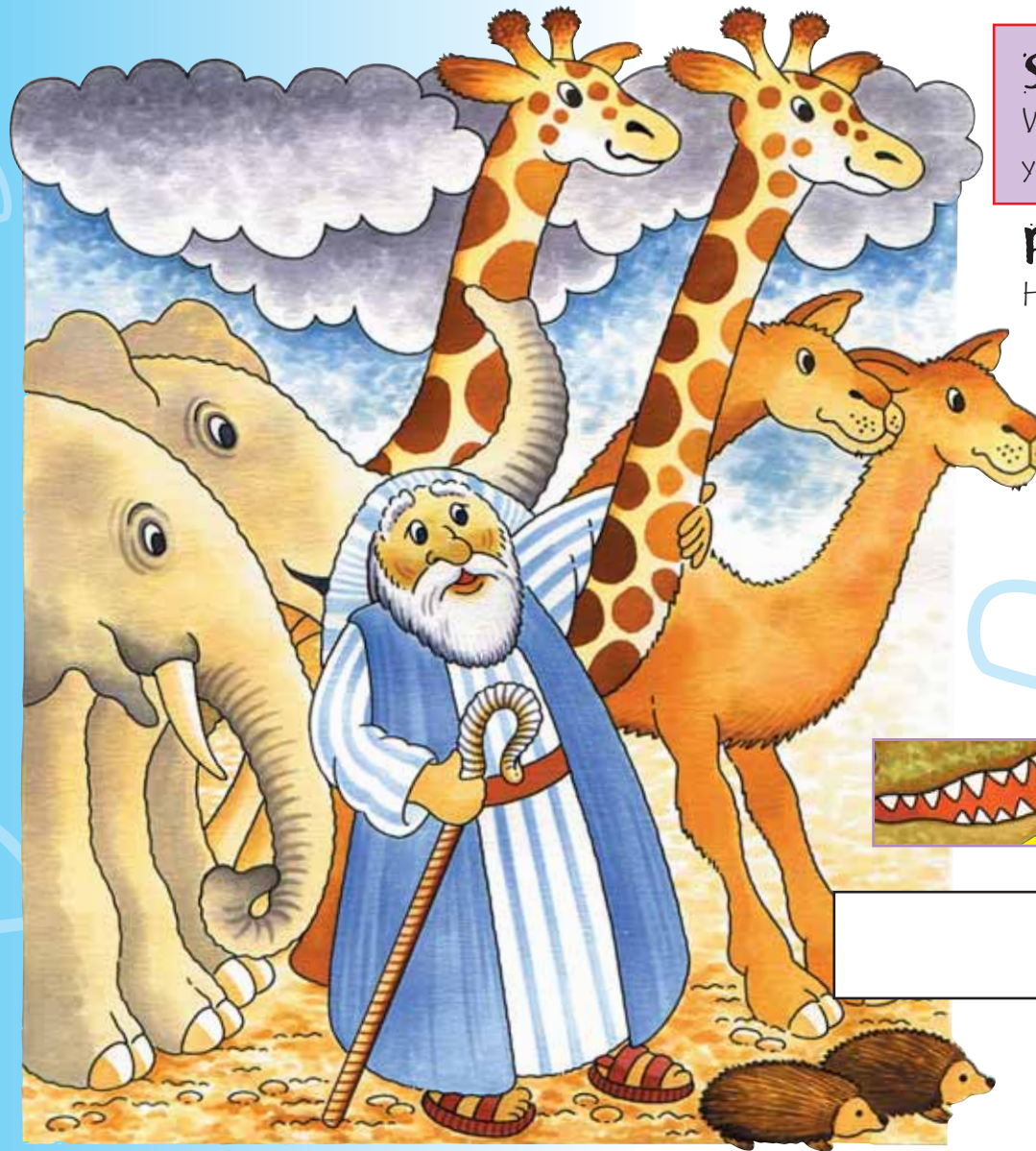
Then it began to rain. First a few spots, then a steady stream started to fall. Noah and his wife went into the ark with their three sons and their wives. They took with them every kind of wild and tame animal, bird and reptile.

Noah and his family turned to say goodbye to everyone else on the land. They would never see them again.

When they were all in the ark, God closed the door tight. Soon the ark would begin to float on the waters.

Noah knew that God had promised to keep them safe.

Genesis 7, verses 10 to 16



Something to think about:

What would you want to take with you if you had to leave your home for ever? What would you miss most?

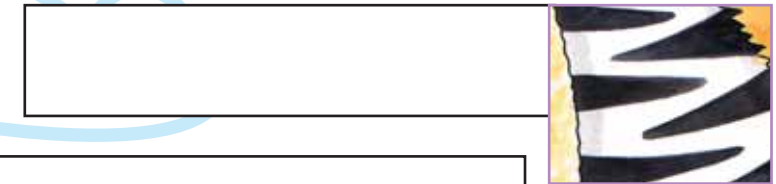


Prayer:

Help me to cope when things around me change, Lord, and to remember that you are with me wherever I go.

Activity:

Look at these shapes and patterns and guess which animals they belong to.





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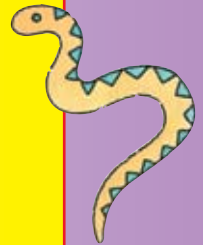
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